Promotion of engineers in CPWD

*254. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the period of eligibility for promotion of an Assistant Executive Engineer to Executive Engineer was increased to five years whereas in the case of promotion of an Assistant Engineer to Executive Engineer the period of eligibility was kept as eight years;

(b) if so, what is the latest position with regard to the promotion of Assistant Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers in the Central Public Works Department as Executive Engineers stating the number of persons who became eligible for promotion as Executive Engineer at the end of April, 1986 after the completion of five years as Assistant Executive Engineer and those who have completed eight years as Assistant Engineers; and

(c) what is the number of persons awaiting their promotions in the above grades after completing ten years, fifteen years and twenty years of service respectively ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) The period of eligibility for promotion of Assistant Executive Engineer is 5 years. It was, however, reduced to 4 years during the period from 1-4-70 to 30-6-80. The period of eligibility for promotion of Assistant Engineers is 8 years for Degree holders and 10 years for Diploma Holders.

(b) Four Assistant Executive Engineers have completed five years service. Three of them are not eligible for promotion as they are yet to complete their probation. The case of promotion of the remaining Asstt. Executive Engineer is under consideration. No post of Executive Engineer is available for promotion from the quota of Assistant Engineers. In fact, a large number of Assistant Engineers are already working as Executive Engineer on *ad-hoc* basis in excess of the quota. Due to non-availability of Assistant Executive Engineers, a proposal to fill up 34 vacancies of Executive Engineers (Civil) and 20 Executive Engineers (Electrical) by *ad-hoc* promotion of Assistant Engineers under consideration.

(c) The number of Assistant Engineers who have completed 10 years service or more at the end of April, 1986 is as under :—

	Assistant Engineer (Civil)	Assistant Engineer (Electrical)
(1) No. of officers with 10 years but less than 15 years service .	316	99
(2) No. of officers with 15 years but less than 20 years service .	82	66
(3) No. of officers with 20 years service or more .	100	1

Paradip Phosphate Fertiliser Plant

*255. SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Paradip Phosphate Fertiliser Plant has been engaging contract labour ;

(b) whether they are engaged by the plant management directly or through the contractors;

(c) whether due to violation of the provisions of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, there has been a stoppage of work; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to solve the disputes ?